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Discover Nature Along The Trail With New Brochure

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) recently published its *I Spy* trail guide, which identifies natural treasures found along the Cross County Trail (CCT). Designed for families, the *I Spy* guide increases awareness and inspires stewardship of the resources along the 40-mile long trail. Trail-users of all ages will appreciate the brochure's vibrant photographs and illustrated map.

The official opening of the CCT in December 2005 was followed by Trailfest in May, 2006, a countywide celebration including over 120 events. The picturesque pathway connects parks from the Potomac River to the Occoquan and offers citizens a way to see the variety of beautiful stream valleys in Fairfax County.

The *I Spy* trail guide is a great tool for educating youngsters about the diversity of life along the trail. Connecting forests, meadows, marshland and neighborhoods, the CCT is open year-round. *I Spy* identifies plant species and wildlife which may be seen during any season. A special section is devoted to avoiding poison ivy. Young trail-users will enjoy trying to spot trees and animals using *I Spy*, and they will learn the importance of protecting parkland.

The Park Authority encourages families to explore the CCT together. Copies of the popular trail guide are available, at no cost, at area RECenters and sites along the trail's route. It is also available in the literature rack on the ninth floor of the Herrity Building on Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. Call (703) 324-8674 for more information.

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